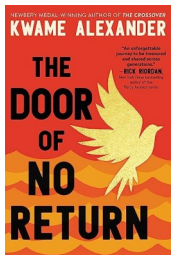
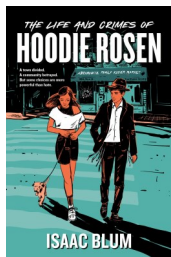


# 2023 YALSA's Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults

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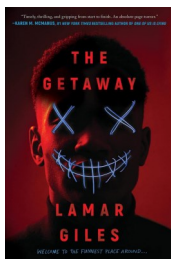
Alexander, Kwame  
**The Door of No Return**  
J Alexander  
Gr. 5 and up  
In 1800's Ghana, Kofi's peaceful village life is disrupted when his brother accidentally kills a man in a wrestling match. Disaster follows when, despite the warnings of his elders, Kofi leaves the safety of his village to swim after dark.



Blum, Isaac  
**The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen**  
YA Blum  
Gr. 7 and up  
When fifteen-year-old Hoodie Rosen and his Orthodox Jewish family move to a new town, Hoodie is shunned for hanging out with a non-Jewish girl while anti-Semitic hate crimes rise in town.



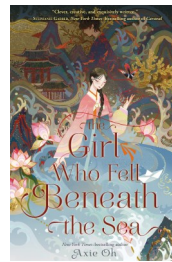
Ferguson, Jen  
**The Summer of Bitter and Sweet**  
YA Ferguson  
Gr. 9 and up  
Metis teen Lou finds her final summer before college upended by the return of a former best friend and the unexpected release from prison of her rapist biological father.



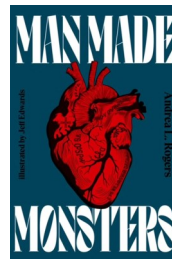
Giles, Lamar  
**The Getaway**  
YA Giles  
Gr. 9 and up  
In the near future, Jay works in Karloff Country, "the funnest place around," where the rich and powerful come to escape the crumbling outside world, but when things turn sinister at the resort, he and his friends must fight to survive.



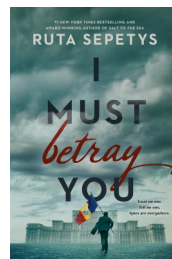
Henry, April  
**Gideon Green in Black and White**  
YA Henry  
Gr. 8 and up  
When Gideon Green was younger, he was an obnoxious boy detective. Now retired, but still obsessed with film noir, Gideon must put on his fedora again to help his former best friend, Lily.



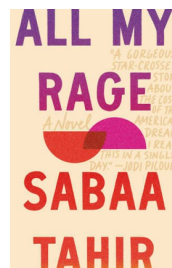
Oh, Axie  
**The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea**  
YA Oh  
Gr. 7 and up  
In this retelling of a classic Korean folktale, sixteen-year-old Mina sacrifices herself to the Spirit Realm and begins her quest to wake the Sea God and stop the storms that are destroying her homeland.



Rogers, Andrea  
**Man Made Monsters**  
YA Rogers  
Gr. 8 and up  
A collection of horror short stories following a Cherokee family over generations as they encounter monsters and fantastical creatures ranging from vampires and werewolves to creatures drawn from Cherokee oral tradition.



Sepetys, Ruta  
**I Must Betray You**  
YA Sepetys  
Gr. 8 and up  
Seventeen-year-old Cristian is forced to become an informant for the Romanian Securitate in order to help save his ailing grandfather but under Ceausescu's totalitarian regime, spies are everywhere and no one is safe.



Tahir, Sabaa  
**All My Rage**  
YA Tahir  
Gr. 9 and up  
Pakistani-American teens Salahudin and Noor have been best friends since childhood, but a fight drove them apart just when they needed each other the most. Now it's a tragedy that brings them back together.



Thomas, Aiden  
**The Sunbearer Trials**  
YA Thomas  
Gr. 7 and up  
Teo, seventeen-year-old trans son of Quetzal, goddess of birds, is one of the ten semi-idios chosen to compete in The Sunbearer Trials, an event held to determine who will be sacrificed to light the temples of Reino del Sol.

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